



**New Hampshire Knights of Columbus  
Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services Committee  
MONTHLY UPDATES 09/2016**

**To:** All Worthy Grand Knights & Faithful Navigators

**From:** Robert W. Garand ( State Veterans Affairs Chairman & VAVS Representative )

**Subj:** VAVS Program Updates

Brother Knights

I proud to report to you all that the VAVS Program is on the raise this Fraternal Year, the follow councils and Assemblies have voted to support or sponsor an event to assist our Veterans that are in the Manchester Veterans Medical Center and New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton. That being said again I have been attending their bi-monthly volunteer services meetings.

Thank you to the following brothers

# 2179 GK John Loebe, , for there sponsoring of "Honor our Heros" night.

# 12147 GK Tim Stangroom, for there sponsoring of veteran event, report to come.

# 6850 GK Leo Blouin, for there sponsoring a memorail service for the town WWII Veterans

# 5163 GK Mike St Onge , for there sponsoring of veteran event , report to come.

# 5112 GK Chris Sweeney , for there sponsoring of bi-monthly Bingo night at VAMC Manchester.

#5260 GK Paul Bissionette, for there sponsoring of monthly Bingo night at VAMC Manchester.

#12988 GK Bill Toolin, for there sponsoring of monthly Bingo night at VAMC Manchester.

If I miss anyone please contact me [robert.garand@yahoo.com](mailto:robert.garand@yahoo.com) or call me 6037031723.

Here are some facilities looking for volunteers and assistance with veterans programs

VAMC ( Veteran Affairs Medical Center): Manchester

To Volunteer here Please contact (Volunteer Services Chief) , Debra Kinsley 603-624-4366 ext 6419, Virginia Hodgdon Voluntary Services Program Assistant at Ext 6422, Gary Roth or Rev Tom Chaplian services ext 6184

NHVH ( New Hampshire Veterans Home) : Tilton

To Volunteer here Please contact ( Volunteer Coordinator Lisa Punderson 603-527-4400

VET Centers :

Conway

Hooksett 603-668-7060

Keene 603-358-4950

Outpatient Clinics ( all contact 624-4366 x3199)

Gorham

Keene

Litteton

Portsmouth

Somersworth

Tilton

***Sponsoring a social event*** ( bingo, cribbage tourments, movie nights, trips to sporting events “ manchester monachs , fishser cats, boston red sox, bruins , celtics games”) see attached dates open for these events.  
***Note:*** will update on a regular monthly basis. Any questions you can contact me at 603-703-1723 or email me at [robert.garand@yahoo.com](mailto:robert.garand@yahoo.com) “check daily”

***Escorting Outpatints*** to there appointments with in the facility ( 2 Hours ) is the minimum required

***Monatary Donations:***

Every day toiletreis ( in orginal package) for the residents and the homeless veterans

Gift cards ( \$ 25, \$ 50) for gas and food

These items can send or deliver to the VAVS office during normal business hours at the VA Medical Center Manchester.

NHVVH (New Hampshire Veterans Home):

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Every day toiletreis ( in orginal package)

Stationary and postage stamps ( unisex)

Large print crossword puzzle books and or word find books

If your council or assbembly would like to help in these items, please forward any questions and or comments to me .would like to thank you in advance for your HELP. Also please forward me any volunteering man hours to me so I may keep our survey of fraternal activity report UP TO DATE. Or send me copies of completed donation forms from the VA Facility that you have donated time or money too.

Respectfully yours  
VIVT JESUS

Sir Knight Robert W.Garand